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FACILITATE INDEPENDENT
PROTECTION SWITCHING IN A
DISTRIBUTED NETWORK**

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The references were cited in a Search Report dated April 18, 2003 (copy enclosed herewith) from a foreign patent office in a counterpart PCT application, which was forwarded to Applicant's Representative in a communication dated April 18, 2003.

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